IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 13, please delete the second full paragraph (starting on line 9) and replace the deleted paragraph with the following paragraph:

In a preferred design, depicted in Fig. 7, a metal coil antenna 30 is wrapped around the flow cell 32 of a flow cytometer 29. The transponders 12 pass through the flow cell 32, and are decoded by the scanner device 27. The signal carrying the data sent from the transponders 12 is amplified by a first amplifier 34 and processed by the scanning device 27. As the transponders 12 are decoded, fluorescence from the transponders 12 is detected and analyzed by the flow cytometer 29.

No new matter has been introduced into this application by reason the amendment presented herewith.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the change made to the Specification. Applicant believes that the amendment filed on January 3rd, 2002 is now fully compliant. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.